

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM BATTING

Team	AB	R	H	RBI	Pct.
Minnesota	437	101	1181	291	.272
Baltimore	437	101	1181	291	.272
Oakland	437	101	1181	291	.272
Chicago	437	101	1181	291	.272
Kansas City	437	101	1181	291	.272
Seattle	437	101	1181	291	.272
San Francisco	437	101	1181	291	.272
Los Angeles	437	101	1181	291	.272
Washington	437	101	1181	291	.272
California	437	101	1181	291	.272

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	Pct.
Oliver, Minn.	442	102	122	30	.276
Harmon, Minn.	442	102	122	30	.276
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Pittsburgh	437	101	1181	291	.272
St. Louis	437	101	1181	291	.272
Los Angeles	437	101	1181	291	.272
San Francisco	437	101	1181	291	.272
San Diego	437	101	1181	291	.272
Philadelphia	437	101	1181	291	.272
Montreal	437	101	1181	291	.272
Cincinnati	437	101	1181	291	.272
Atlanta	437	101	1181	291	.272
San Diego	437	101	1181	291	.272

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Torre, Minn.	442	102	122	30	.276
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Sparma Files For Bankruptcy

DETROIT (AP) — Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Joe Sparma has filed a bankruptcy petition in federal district court, listing his total liabilities at \$254,000, compared with assets of \$17,000.

The ex-Tiger righthander, traded to the Montreal Expos in 1969, listed six lawsuits pending against him in Wayne and Oakland Circuit Courts and one pending in state district court among judgments sought against him totaling nearly \$166,000, according to the petition filed Thursday. The majority of assets Sparma listed nearly \$16,000, were listed as credits due him.

The Tigers purchased Sparma from Montreal and sent him to their Toledo Farm Club last winter. The Mud Hens released him recently. On his bankruptcy petition Sparma listed his occupation as "unemployed professional athlete."

Sees Downs Half-Mile Being Used in 1972

ON RACING

NOTHING HAS been finalized, but it appears stock car racing in Cedar Rapids is headed for the half-mile dirt track in 1972.

There have been special attractions on the half-mile, but for the most part, activity has consisted of nothing but quarter-mile racing at Hawkeye Downs for the last four years. The weekly programs, which conclude for the season next week, have been held on Friday nights.

The switch depends largely on who promotes the races next year at The Downs. Billy Greiner, All-Iowa fair manager, Friday said he personally would favor half-mile racing, however, "that will be up to the promoter. He or they will be decided upon once we receive all the bids, which includes the programs they have outlined for next year."

Of the parties we've talked to who are interested in promoting next season, all have indicated the half-mile is the way to go. That includes the present promoters, Vern Weber and Dr. Jack Hunt of the Greater Iowa Racing Assn.

"We have asked them to submit a bid for next year," Greiner said. "We (the fair board) are pleased with their operation because it's up over last year. And, actually, the economy is no better this year than last."

Weber and Hunt plan to bid, "We'd like to put the races on the half-mile," Weber said, "but we have not firm plans yet. It's been a good experience for us to promote races here. The fans at Hawkeye Downs won't settle for less than a first-class program and we've learned quite a bit."

Too Much Horsepower

Greiner, who said he has already received three requests for information, has set Nov. 1 as a deadline for bids.

Regardless of who gets the nod, we are in favor of the half-mile being used. Oh, we like the action on the quarter-mile, but it gets pretty rough at times. Maybe it's only because the season is coming to a close and drivers are trying to squeeze that last buck, but last Friday night everybody was driving like a pack of mule skinner running late. In short, that's a lot of horsepower to crowd on a short track.

Also—and this may be the big point—it's a good bet that more top-notch drivers will re-discover The Downs if there is half-mile racing. Of course the purse will have to be right, as it takes good money to attract good equipment.

Five years ago was the last time the half-mile was used on a regular basis. We can still remember only about 12-13 late-models showing up for a program. It was, to say the least, a catastrophe.

Heaven forbid, this time around.

This 'n That

Remember Dave Marcell, the former stock car ace from Wausau, Wis.? Dave's been on the NASCAR Grand National tour for the last three years. It's been a tough go for the 30-year-old driver, although he got a break last May when he was asked to sub for Bobby Isaac at Talladega. Well, he got a big break last week when Andy Granatelli announced Dave will drive the STP racing team's Plymouth in Monday's Southern 500 at Darlington, S. C.

Goodyear sends along a note on today's Ontario 500 race for Indy-type cars: The power needed to fire up the 33-car starting field would keep the family car running for 1,200 years! Today's championship cars have a 36-volt starting motor, so it takes three 12-volt batteries to fire one up. Goodyear will have a battery operation at Ontario.

Here's something for the book: The federal bureau of investigation has asked the help of U.S. Auto club members in attempting to run down one of the criminals on its "Ten Most Wanted" list. He is Benjamin Paddock, who escaped from prison while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. Paddock is a stock car racing enthusiast and has been employed as an auto mechanic.

What used to look like a runaway for Al Unser in the USAC championship car point race is anything but that going into the Ontario 500. Al, who has not finished the last three championship events, leads second-place A. J. Foyt by only 480 points, 2,200 to 1,720. The next three spots are really tight. Joe Leonard is third with 1,550, Billy Vukovich is fourth with 1,530 and Mark Donohue, today's pole-cat, is fifth with 1,520. The winner of today's race will receive 1,000 points.

Speaking of season-ending spectaculars at area tracks, the finale at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids is next Friday . . . Farley speedway will hold its on Wednesday. Any car that has raced at least one Wednesday night is eligible at Farley.

McAlister Won't Blame Anyone

LOS ANGELES (AP)—James McAlister, UCLA's ineligible track and football star, said Friday he has decided to abide by the NCAA's ruling in his case.

"I wouldn't want to go to court," McAlister said, "blaming things happen for a reason. I'm not one of the NCAA's infraction guess. And really, I've had in which he took a pre-entrance worse things happen to me."

Melnik Breaks Own World Record

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—Russian Faina Melnik threw the discus 212 feet, 9 1/4 inches, breaking her own world record of 210-9, Saturday in a pre-Olympic track and field meet.

Two Americans posted runner-up finishes. Al Feuerbach recorded a heave of 62-6 in the shotput to finish behind Nladislav Komar of Poland, who equaled the German national record of 65-9 1/2. Ron Draper ran the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.8 seconds to 13.6 for Guy Druet of France.

Ben Jipcho of Kenya equaled the German national record of 8:29.6 in winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

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Can Mark Run Away Today?

By Bloys Britt

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — A veteran pro, two expert readers who don't like oval tracks, and a youngster who is just beginning to cut his teeth in the sport lead 33 starters to the line Sunday in the 1971 running of the California 500, second richest payoff in auto racing.

The hottest of the four at the moment is Mark Donohue of Media, Pa., a two-time U. S. road circuit champion who already has made his first full year in oval racing a successful one.

Donohue, 33, makes the start from the pole position. He earned it with a record four-lap qualifying average of 185.004 miles per hour.

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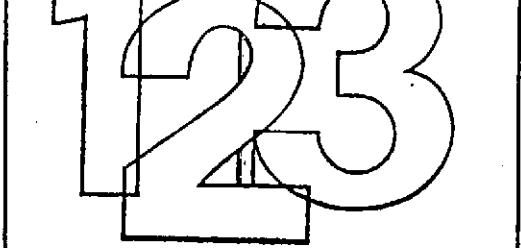
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Schmickley pointed out that



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